

Data Points

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Tobacco Use and Substance Abuse Status

Code 305.1 (Tobacco Use Disorder) is no longer being treated as a Substance Abuse Diagnosis. Centers will not be penalized for excluding additional Substance Abuse field information when code 305.1 is present.

Improper Use of Client Status Code 3

On November 17, RDMC sent an e-mail notification to each of the centers regarding the misuse of Client Status Code 3. Many of the centers have been reporting a code 3 for the same Client IDs that had been reported as Client Status Code 1 or 2.

Regions where discrepancies were found should have received an Excel attachment detailing those discrepancies. Problems were found in nine regions. Those regions were instructed to reply by e-mail to Janice Lunsford (with carbon copies to Dennis Moore and Harry Hughes at RDMC) explaining the cause of the discrepancies and the intended corrective action. Note that centers are not expected to resubmit previously submitted data. RDMC will re-examine these Status 3 discrepancies after the end of Fiscal Year 2007 to verify compliance.

As of this date, only four of the nine affected regions have provided the requested explanations.

Corrected Edit Check for Developmental Disability/Delay

Per the Data Submission Guide, the age cut-off between Developmental Delay (Code "1") and Developmental Disability (Code "2") is 10 years of age. Clients *under* age 10 could be considered Developmentally Delayed. Those age 10 *or older* may be Developmentally Disabled. RDMC's Editor had been incorrectly expecting Developmentally Delayed clients to be age 10 *or younger* and Developmentally Disabled to be *over* age 10. This reporting discrepancy has been corrected.

RDMC Holiday Hours

The Research and Data Management Center will be open during regular business hours on Tuesday through Friday during Christmas week. Files should be submitted per standard protocol during that week. Any e-mail correspondence regarding files submissions, reports, etc. should be addressed to Harry.Hughes@rdmc.org.

Standard timeliness guidelines will apply for the November data files. Submissions should be finalized by December 31. Files must be submitted by Friday, December 29, at 4:30 PM Eastern Standard Time in order to view the feedback reports prior to month end.

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